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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES

REF: STATE 207979, HONG KONG 9888

1. UNHCR HAS GIVEN MISSION FOLLOWING AS "PRELIMINARY  
REPLY" TO QUERY POSED REF A:

(A) UNHCR HAS RECEIVED "NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE IN  
WRITING" FROM STATES OTHER THAN U.S. TO ITS APPEAL ON  
INDOCHINESE BOAT CASES, HOWEVER,

(B) BELGIUM HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY IT WILL  
ACCEPT MINIMUM OF 20 PERSONS FROM BOATS;

(C) AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION MACKELLAR  
HAS PROMISED VERBALLY TO ASSIST IN ACCEPTANCE OF BOAT  
CASES "IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER U.N. MEMBER STATES";

(D) AS INDICATED REF B, GERMANS, FRENCH AND  
CANADIANS HAVE ALL AGREED ACCEPT VARYING NUMBER OF  
BOAT CASES.

2. HOWEVER UNHCR CONSIDERS PRACTICAL ACTIONS TAKEN  
BY VARIOUS MEMBER STATES SINCE ISSUE OF APPEAL AS  
RESPONSIVE AS FORMAL REPLIES, FOR INSTANCE:

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(A) 33 VIETNAMESE ABOARD DUTCH SHIP KELLITIA  
PERMITTED TO LAND IN JAPAN, AND DUTCH GAVE GUARANTEE  
FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND RESETTLEMENT;

(B) PHILIPPINES ON AUGUST 20 GAVE ASYLUM TO 106  
VIETNAMESE ON THREE SHIPS, AND EARLIER TO 90  
VIETNAMESE ON FIVE SHIPS;

(C) SAUDI ARABIA GAVE TEMPORARY ASYLUM TO 19  
VIETNAMESE ON ALMADJI;

(D) THE AVA CASE IN HONG KONG;

(E) 19 VIETNAMESE ABOARD MEI ABETO PERMITTED  
TO LAND IN HONG KONG WITHOUT QUESTION.

3. UNHCR CONSIDERS IT SOMEWHAT EARLY TO ISSUE  
RENEWED APPEAL. THEY ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF  
ANALYZING STATED AND PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO HIGH  
COMMISSIONER'S FIRST APPEAL AND THEREFORE HAVE NO  
SPECIFIC PLAN PRESENTLY FOR FURTHER ACTION.  
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